

## **Lisa C. Merkel**

### **Biography**

**Lisa C. Merkel**, a resident of Herndon since 2002 and a resident of Northern Virginia since 1996, is serving her second term as Mayor of the Town of Herndon. She had served as the town's Vice Mayor during the 2010-2012 Town Council term.

As the town's Mayor, Merkel serves on the Inter-Jurisdictional Committee between Loudoun and Fairfax counties. She also represents the town as the vice chairman of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission as well as a member of the Novaregion Foundation; she has also served on the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's Planning Commission Advisory Committee. She serves on the nominations committee of the Virginia Municipal League.

Prior to her service on the Town Council, Merkel participated in the Citizen's Planning Academy and the Downtown Master Plan Citizens Advisory Group. She was also appointed by Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust to represent the Town of Herndon on the Dranesville District Area Plans Review Task Force, a group that reviewed the proposed development surrounding the Route 28 Metro Site and its future impact on the town.

Merkel is a member of the Council for the Arts of Herndon; the Herndon Historical Society; and Sister Cities International of the Herndon Area, Inc.

A mother of two young children, Merkel had been employed from 1996 until 2004 by Fairfax County Public Schools as a classroom teacher, reading specialist and staff developer. Her classroom strategies have been featured in two professional books, *"Shared Reading for Today's Classroom"* and *"Catching Readers Before They Fall."*

Merkel holds a BS in Education from Auburn University and an MS in Curriculum and Instruction from Virginia Tech. She and her husband, Dave, are raising their family in a circa 1895 farmhouse in Herndon's historic downtown.